

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA****Consumer Protection Services Program**

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August 12, 2005

Citation No. 05-06-0139

Tharon Hodges, P.T.
1552 Armacost Ave
Los Angeles CA 90025

License No. PT 6454

CITATION

Investigation of a complaint submitted revealed actions taken by you which violate sections of the law regulating the practice of physical therapy.

A Citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with Section 125.9 of the Business and Professions Code for the violations described below.

FIRST CAUSE FOR CITATION

Based on records reviewed from Bestcare in Santa Monica, it has been determined that Tharon Hodges, P.T. is in violation of Section 2620.7 of the Business and Professions Code for the treatment of the following patients:

Patient R.C.

- Visit note from November 22, 2004 is not present in patient records.
- No progress report or a discharge summary present in patient records.
- The final note in patient record from December 2, 2004, states "On-going plans: continue with the home PT RX."

Patient L.P.

- No progress report or a discharge summary present in patient records.
- The final note in patient records from December 3, 2004, states "On-going plans: continue to progress pt."

**1. Section 2620.7 of the Business and Professions Code
Patient Records**

- (a) A physical therapist shall document his or her evaluation, goals, treatment plan, and summary of treatment in the patient records.
- (b) A physical therapist shall document the care actually provided to a patient in the patient record.
- (c) A physical therapist shall sign the patient record legibly.
- (d) Patient records shall be maintained for a period of no less than seven years following the discharge of the patient, except that the records of unemancipated minors shall be maintained at least one year after the minor has reached the age of 18 years, and not in any case less than seven years.

ORDER

Further, **you are ordered to pay a fine of \$ 1000.00** to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

If you wish to contest all or any part of this Citation, complete the enclosed "Notice of Appeal -Request for Informal Conference" form and return it to this office within 10 days after receipt of this Citation. The date indicated on the order of abatement will be held in abeyance only for any violation(s) you wish to contest. The time to correct all uncontested violations will be adhered to as specified. In the alternative, you may, within 30 days after receipt of this Citation, request a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge under the Administrative Procedure Act.

FAILURE TO RETURN THE REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE FORM OR TO REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WITHIN THE TIME INDICATED WILL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTEST OR APPEAL THIS CITATION.

Administrative Fine

\$ 1000.00

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT,
PLEASE RETURN THE COPY OF THE CITATION
AND NOTE THE CITATION NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.

August 12, 2005

Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL
Executive Officer

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ORDER OF ABATEMENT

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Citation Against: Tharon Hodges, P.T.

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Item No. 1

Violations: **Section 2620.7 of the Business and Professions Code**
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Description:

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Order of Correction

You are hereby ordered to abate this violation immediately and to cease and desist from further violation.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Citation and Order of Abatement within 30 days of receipt may result in further legal action.